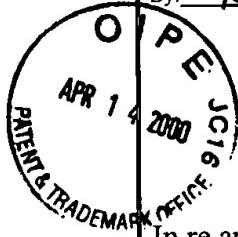


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231
on 4-14-00

By: Ron Anton



PATENT
Attorney Docket No.:2307AA-031220US

H15

J. Liebeschuetz

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BAEKKESKOV et al.

Application No.: 08/838,486

Filed: April 7, 1997

For: **IMPROVED METHODS FOR THE
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF
DIABETES**

Examiner: Mary R. Tung

Art Unit: 1644

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated October 14, 1999, for three months, from January 14, 2000 to April 14, 2000. A response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$435 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Liebeschuetz

Joe Liebeschuetz
Reg. No. 37,505

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor
San Francisco, California 94111-3834
Tel: (415) 576-0200
Fax: (415) 576-0300
JOL/dmv